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## Historic Overview:

The first local Exchange Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan in 1911. Charles a. Berkey is the man who is credited with the founding of this great organization. The second was the Exchange Club of Toledo, Ohio formed in 1913. Subsequently, two others were organized in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cleveland Ohio. These four clubs were the first to be chartered by the National Exchange Club after it was organized as a nonprofit, educational organization in 1917. Since then hundreds of clubs have been chartered in the United States and Puerto Rico. The National Exchange Club headquarters is located in Toledo, Ohio. Their chief objective is to help Exchange Clubs realize their full potential of community service. Exchange is an all-volunteer, national service organization for men and women who want to serve their community, develop leadership skills and enjoy new friendships. Today Exchange is make up of nearly 1,000 clubs and 33,000 members throughout the United States.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Picture curtosey of [www.nationalexchangeclub.com](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.com)

<sup>2</sup> [www.nationalexchangeclub.com/overview.htm](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.com/overview.htm)

